

MINUTES

OF

Tenth Annual Session

OF

Mission Association

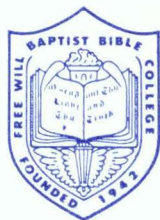
OF

Free Will Baptist

—1958—

CONVENED WITH THE

Wolf Creek Church



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Ernest Harrison

MINUTES
— OF —
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
— OF —
MISSION ASSOCIATION
— OF —
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH THE
WOLF CREEK CHURCH
NEAR MANSFIELD, MISSOURI

BEGINNING ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7, 1958

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OFFICERS

Rev. O. T. Dixon	Moderator
Rev. Carl Postlewait	Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Velma Elliott	Clerk-Treasurer
Mrs. Margaret Walls	Assistant Clerk

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. John W. Silvey	1959
Deacon Ray Hutsell	1960
Deacon Charley Franklin	1961
Rev. Archie A. Hogue	1962
Rev. Homer B. Smith	1963

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The next session of this Association will be held with the Mountain Grove Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri, beginning on Thursday, 9:00 A. M. before the second Sunday in August, 1959.

Rev. Carl Postlewait was elected by acclamation to bring the Associational message. Rev. Ezra Butts, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The Mission Association met in the tenth annual meeting at the Wolf Creek Church, August 7, 1958.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, O. T. Dixon.

Rev. Hershel Freeman led the congregational singing, beginning with "At The Cross," accompanied at the piano by Sister Letha Franklin.

Prayer by Rev. Ezra Butts.

The welcome address was given by Rev. Homer B. Smith, using Ephesians 2:1-10. Response by Brother Omer Wade.

A business committee was appointed as follows: Deacon Charley Franklin, Rev. Ezra Butts and Brother Omer Wade.

A committee on committees appointed as follows: 1. Rev. A. W. Brook, 2. Bro. J. A. Odom and 3. Rev. Carl Postlewait.

The by-laws were read by the moderator, who then acknowledged the visitors, Rev. Linton, Springfield, Mo., Rev. Willis Turner, Ava, Mo. Bro. Lockett from Missionary Baptist Church gave personal testimonies, also heard from the church pastor, Rev. Guy Hutsell of his love for the Lord and of welcome to the association to his church. Song: "Amazing Grace."

A challenge was given by the moderator to listen carefully to the reports of the work of the Lord from the different churches by their letters and to be ready to act upon the business. The credentials committee's report was read and accepted, also letters were received from quarterly meetings and delegates seated.

Rev. Mary Wester

Sister Donna Wade.

A partial report was read by the statistician, Rev. Herbert Vandivort.

M. S. C. to receive the partial report to be completed at a later date in the Association.

Other visitors were recognized—two from the Grant Avenue Church in Springfield, Mo. Sister Oneeda Broyles gave a report on The Work in Liberty Association.

Rev. Elmer Snyder from the Union Association gave his testimony and report on the work from his Association.

Rev. Carl Postlewait was called to introduce Bro. Don Bruce who came for examination for a preaching license. We heard an inspiring testimony from Bro. Bruce.

M. S. C. to adjourn for 10 minute recess preceeding the 11:00 o'clock service.

11:00 A. M. Service

Song: "I'll Be Satisfied," led by Rev. Hershel Freeman, accompanied by Letha Franklin.

Prayer by Rev. Elmer Snyder.

Song: "More About Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. Linton.

Special Music: Rev. Archie A. Hogue, Mrs. Hogue, Brother Emmitt Jones and Rev. O. L. Claxton singing "Amazing Grace," joined by congregation on the last verse.

Rev. Dixon introduced Rev. John W. Silvey for the message, using Hebrews 10:9-21.

Subject: "Salvation."

Scripture, Titus 2:11.

Prayer by the moderator, Rev. O. T. Dixon.

1:30 P. M. Thursday

Song: Led by Rev. O. L. Claxton, "Where The Soul Never Dies."

Devotion led by the assistant moderator, Rev. John W. Silvey, using Psalm 15.

Prayer by Rev. A. M. Halford.

Registration of those arriving late.

Completion of the statistician's report given.

M. S. C. to receive the report.

Report from committee on committees was read. The letters from churches received. M. S. C. to receive and seat the delegates.

Report was given by Credentials Committee as follows:

Union Church requests prayer for spiritual strength and growth.

Faith and Hope church requests that Bro. Leonard Means license be extended for 1 year.

Number One Church requests that Rev. Don Bruce be examined for license to preach.

Appointment of a Pulpit Committees as follows: Bro. John Hickman, Bro. Otis Helsley, Rev. Guy Hutsell.

Requests for the next Association were acknowledged from: Rock Chapel, Liberty, Mtn. Grove, Lead Hill and Union Grove.

Rev. Carl Postlewait was chosen to bring the 2:30 message.

Rev. Fred Wynn for the evening service.

Rev. Albert Brook for 11:00 a. m. Friday.

Rev. Charley Finley for the farewell message of Association Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Reports were given from Sister Associations.

General Baptists: Little Vine M. S. C. for Rev. Archie Hogue and Sister Bessie Hogue to represent Mission Association.

M. S. C. for Rev. John W. Silvey and Rev. O. L. Claxton to represent Missouri Mission Association.

M. S. C. for Otta and Mrs. Draper to represent at Liberty Association near Lebanon.

M. S. C. Rev. Leonard Keys and Sister Bessie Keys be repre-

sentatives at Cave Springs Association in 1959.

Rev. H. B. Smith was elected by acclamation to succeed himself as member of executive board to serve until 1963.

Recognition of Women's Auxiliary members.

Liberty church and Grant Avenue Church reported having an active Auxiliary.

Reports were given from Mtn. Grove church by the Auxiliary President, Sister Jewel Spurgeon on work of the auxiliary as a whole.

Youth sponsor Velma Elliott reported on the work of YPA and GTA organizations which are sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary. Personal Service Chairman Sister Hazel Elliott reported on the past year's accomplishments of Women's Auxiliary in Mission Work.

Songs: "The Reaping Time is Coming," "Worthy Art Thou."

The moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Carl Postlewait.

Scripture: Romans 11-22, John 15.

Song: "Where We'll Never Grow Old."

Prayer by Bro. Jones.

Reports were given by the League Sunday School, Observance of the Sabbath, Temperance and Obituary Committees.

M. S. C. to receive these reports.

Delegates elected to the State meeting at Niangua, August 18-21 were: Donna Wade, Virginia McCoy, Bill Eden, Lucy Carpenter, Virdie Jones, Mrs. Bill Eden, Louie Dixon, Ruth Hickman, Ben Grimes, Otta Yeager, Hazel Elliott, Mary Elliott, Pearl Reed, Lula McCoy, Jewell Spurgeon, Phyllis Virtue, Viola Draper. Ida Grimes, Mattie Farra, Ann Elliott, Letha Franklin, Bertha Hickman and Florence Leighty.

Delegates elected to National Association were: Sister Jewel Spurgeon, Sister Letha Franklin, Bro. Charles Franklin, Sister Donna Wade, Sister Velma Elliott. As Alternates: Sister Mattie Farra, Sister Laville Curtis, Bro. Emmitt Jones, Bro. Floyd Curtis, and Bro. Jess Curtis.

M. S. C. to adjourn the session.

7:30 O'clock Thursday

Congregational singing started with singing "What a Gathering That Will Be."

Prayer by Rev. Charley Finley.

Song: "I Know That Jesus Saved Me."

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Hershel Freeman.

The hostess church pastor, Rev. Guy Hutsell introduced the speaker Rev. Fred Wynn.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:7-16.

Text: Verse 16.

Song: "There's a Great Day Coming."

Friday 9:00 A. M.

Song: "Just Over in the Glory Land."

Prayer: Sister Sadie Ellington.

Song: "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Devotion led by Rev. O. L. Claxton, using scripture St. John 10:2-11.

We heard oral reports from Rev. Leonard Keys, pastor of Coon Creek Church concerning his work there. Also from Rev. Hershel Freeman, pastor of Dutch Chapel (community church). He requests prayers in behalf of his work and organization of the church.

Arrival of Rev. Lester Hylton from Springfield, Mo., was recognized. M. S. C. to seat him in this session to help carry on the work of the Lord. Rev. Hylton gave his testimony and report of his work.

A time of testimony for the Lord by many people was enjoyed. "This The Old Time Religion" was led by the moderator.

Prayer by Rev. A. W. Brook.

Inspiring and uplifting comments concerning Christian living were given by Rev. Dixon.

Report from the examining committee was read by the clerk.

M. S. C. to receive the report.

The report re-read item by item. Bro. Bruce gave a very inspiring and convincing testimony. A personal word was given to him by the moderator, Rev. O. T. Dixon.

M. S. C. to grant Bro. Bruce a license to preach the gospel.

Request was heard for prayer for Bro. Don Bruce in behalf of pastoral duties to his church, Union Chapel.

Item No. 2 was read.

M. S. C. to extend license to Bro. Leonard Means for 1 year, who is serving in the U. S. Navy.

An oral report on the Harmony Church was given by Rev. John W. Silvey. M. S. C. to receive the oral report from the church.

Rev. Silvey gave \$2.00 to the association from Harmony church.

Request was made by Rev. Silvey for a letter from the Mission Association to the Missouri Association of General Baptists.

11:00 A. M., FRIDAY

Song led by Bro. Cameron, beginning with "I'm Going That Way."

Prayer by Rev. Lester Hylton.

The speaker Rev. A. W. Brook was introduced by Rev. Dixon.

Text: Matthew 16:24.

Song, led by Bro. Cameron. "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

1:00 P. M. Friday

Congregational song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm."

Prayer by Bro. Omer Wade.

Devotion by Rev. Guy Hutsell. St. John 1:1-14.

Report was given and accepted by the Business Committee, also this committee requests the clerk to send a card to each church requesting them to send a special offering for the expense of the state association.

M. S. C. to send \$50.00 from the Mission Association to the State Association (entertainment fund).

Rev. Herbert Vandivort was elected by acclamation to retain the office of Statistician.

The Association in 1959 was placed at the Mountain Grove Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Rev. Carl Postlewait elected by acclamation to bring the Associational message in 1959.

A vote of appreciation was given the Wolf Creek Church for their hospitality shown during this Association.

Again words of welcome and gratefulness were expressed by the pastor Rev. Guy Hutsell.

M. S. C. to give the officers a standing vote of appreciation for their work.

M. S. C. that the dates of the Ministers and Deacons Conferences be carried in the minutes.

Letters were read from the First Quarterly meeting of Mission Association and the Harmony Association.

\$10.00 was received from the First Quarterly Meeting.

Election of Officers for Coming Year:

Rev. O. T. Dixon, Moderator.

Rev. Carl Postlewait, Assistant Moderator

Mrs. Velma Elliott, Clerk-Treasurer

Rev. H. S. Vandivort, Statistician

Rev. Carl Postlewait to bring Associational message

Rev. Ezra Butts, Alternate.

Rev. Homer Smith elected as member of executive board for a period of 5 years.

M. S. C. to adjourn business meeting and come together for worship service.

Song: "What a Gathering That Will Be."

Rev. Chas. Finley, the speaker was introduced by the moderator. He used II Chronicles 7-14 in a message which could well be called the cap sheaf of the Association, closing it by singing

"Walk Up and Down the Golden Street."

Followed by Christian hand shake.

Requests for prayer was made by the clerk in behalf of the Associational work also by Rev. Carl Postlewait in behalf of his evangelistic work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 1958

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee on Sunday School recommend the use of Free Will Baptist Literature and the King James Version of the Bible, that all pastors, ministers, deacons, and church leaders co-operate in the furtherance of all Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible Schools and that all teachers and officers be Christians and have as much teacher training as possible.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We ask you to encourage your children to attend the entire worship services.

COMMITTEE: Rev. Lester Lawler
Donna Wade
Rev. O. L. Claxton

LEAGUE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on League recommend that all pastors, deacons and other church workers should encourage and assist in every way in maintaining a league in every church, since by observation we feel that the training of our young people receive in League prepares them for greater Christian service. We recommend letters be sent to each league when and where rallies and conventions will be held.

COMMITTEE

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Temperance recommend that you abstain from all worldly things, such as alcoholic beverages, amusements and that you dress as becomes Christians. We also recommend that you practice temperance in all your fellowship as Christians.

COMMITTEE: Rev. Hershel Freeman
Oscar Yeager
Carolyn Walls

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that Bro. Ed (Don) Bruce from Number One Church be granted a license to preach the Gospel for 1 year.

2. We recommend that Bro. Leonard Means, who is now serving in the Navy and a member of Faith and Hope Church, be granted an extension of license for 1 year.

COMMITTEE: Rev. Homer Smith
Deacon Chas. Franklin

Rev. Carl Postlewaite
Rev. John W. Silvey

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary committee find during the past year the Lord has seen fit to call from our churches to reward the following members:

Bro. Joe Helms
Bro. James Conrow
Sister Jane Owens
Bro. James C. Mathis
Sister Docia Rippee
Bro. Rennie Backus
Sister Elmira Douglas
Sister Hazel Vierkant
Bro. Chas. Woodie
Rev. L. M. Marler
Bro. Carl Horney
Bro. Robert Hurley

COMMITTEE: Rev. Herbert Vandivort
Rev. A. M. Halford
Deacon Oscar Leighty

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH

We, your committee on the observance of the Sabbath recommend that all Christians remember the Christian Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy by abstaining from all worldly amusements, by keeping our places of business closed on the Sabbath, by taking our family to church services. If it was necessary for Jesus to go to the place of worship and read and take part in it, it is more necessary for His children to do so today. Christians are the Light of the World and if we let our light shine the world will see it and they will glorify Him also.

COMMITTEE: Rev. Chas. Finley
Sister Gillie Reeves
Rev. Leonard Keys

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This Association shall open at 9:00 o'clock, Thursday before the Second Sunday in August.
2. Moderator calls Association together.
3. Registration of standing delegates.
4. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
5. Call for report of Credentials Committee.
6. Seating of delegates.
7. Invite all Christians to sit in council.
8. Call for corresponding letters and registration of visiting ministers.

9. Call for report of Executive Board.
10. Elect one member on Executive Board.
11. Call for ministers written report.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
14. Call for report of all committees.
15. Select place for next annual session.
16. Elect officers.
17. Adjourn with prayer.

REGISTRANTS AT THE ASSOCIATION

MINISTERS

Name and Address	Church
John W. Silvey — Ava, Mo.	Harmony
Rev. Vanita Broyles — Springfield, Mo.	Grant Avenue
Hershel Freeman — Manes, Mo.	New Rock Springs
Carl Postlewaite — Rt. 5, Mtn. Grove	Number One
Don (Edd) Bruce — N. Star, Mtn. Grove	Union Chapel
H. B. Smith — Rt. 3, Mtn. Grove	Mtn. Grove
O. L. Claxton — Rt. 3, Seymour, Mo.	Lone Star
Mary Wester — Marshfield, Mo.	Liberty
Ezra Butts — Cabool, Mo.	Number One
O. T. Dixon — Box 464, Mtn. Grove	Mtn. Grove
Herbert Vandivort — Cabool, Mo., Rt. 2	
A. A. Hogue — Cabool, Mo., Rt. 2	Faith & Hope
Frank Linton — 1339 N. Lyon, Springfield, Mo.	
Willis Turner — Ava, Mo.	Gen. Baptist
A. M. Halford — Norwood, Mo.	Brushy Knob
Fred Wynn — 717 N. Darrell, Mtn. Grove	New Rock Springs
Elmer Snyder — Huggins (Union Assoc.)	Number One
Guy Hutsell — Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Wolf Creek
Charley Finley — Hartville, Mo., Rt. 1	Pleasant Grove
Lester Lawler — Hartville, Mo.	Hartville
Leonard Keys — Norwood, Mo., Rt. 1	Mtn. Grove

DEACONS

J. A. Odom	Cabool, Mo., Rt. 1
Chas. Franklin	Mtn. Grove
Riley Hutsell	702 N. Darrell, Mtn. Grove
Oscar Leighty	Huggins, Mo.
Earnest Cantrell	Seymour, Mo.
John Q. Hickman	Hartville, Mo., Rt. 1
Troy McCleary	Hartville, Mo.
Harold Price	Success, Mo.
Oscar Yeager	Hartville, Mo.
Otis Helsley	Mansfield, Mo.
J. M. Thurman	Ava, Mo. Rt. 5

Elmer Ellington
J. A. Cameron
Chester Bennett

125 Lake St., Mtn. Grove
Seymour, Mo.
Mansfield, Mo.

MINISTERS WIVES

June Freeman
Verba Smith
Freda Bruce
Mildred Butts
Verba Silvey
Lula Claxton
Bessie Hogue
Ethel Halford
Gladys Wynn
Grace Royster
Leona Hutsell
Bessie Keys

Manes, Mo.
Mtn. Grove, Rt. 3
Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Cabool, Mo.
Ava, Mo.
Seymour, Mo.
Cabool, Mo.
Norwood, Mo.
Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Mansfield, Mo.
Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Norwood, Mo.

DEACONS WIVES

Della Hutsell
Ermal Wyrick
Florence Leighty
Gillie Reeves
Martha Hickman
Venise McCleary
Letha Franklin
Martha Price
Verda Stilley
Velma Elliott
Nola Yeager
Florence Fagan
Bertha Adamson
Grace Skinner
Cleo Thurman
Jean Helsley
Imogene Bennett
Sadie Ellington
Ada Cameron

Mtn. Grove, Mo.
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Mansfield, Mo.
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Norwood, Mo.
Ava, Mo.
Mansfield, Mo.
Mansfield, Mo.
125 Lake St., Mtn. Grove
Seymour, Mo.

OTHER THAN OFFICERS

Hazel Elliott — Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Ronald Deeds — Mtn. Grove, Rt. 3
Nadine Sanders — Mtn. Grove, Rt. 3
Bertha Dennis — Springfield, Mo.
Delia Marcum — Springfield, Mo.
Dora Biggs — Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Ruth Dowsey — Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Phylis Knight, — Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Mtn. Grove
Mtn. Valley
Mtn. Valley
Grant Ave.
Grant Ave.
Mtn. Grove
Mtn. Grove

Jewell Spurgeon — Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Grove
Rose Helsley — Mansfield, Mo.	Wolf Creek
Sybil Young — Springfield, Mo.	Wolf Creek
Erma Austin — Hartville, Mo.	Pleasant Grove
Virginia Raney — Mansfield, Mo.	Lead Hill
Emma Peterson — Mansfield, Mo.	Lead Hill
Mary Carde: — Mansfield, Mo.	Lead Hill
Vina Jane Nelson — Hartville, Mo.	Mt. Zion
Virginia McCoy — Lynchburg, Mo.	Dutch Chapel
Edna Miller — Ava, Mo.	Spring Creek Church
Ruth Hickman — Hartville, Mo.	Pleasant Hill
Jesse Cameron — Seymour, Mo.	Lone Star
Sim Bittick — Cabool, Mo.	Mt. Ararat
Otto Draper — Hartville, Mo.	Pleasant Hill
Viola Draper — Hartville, Mo.	Pleasant Hill

CLERKS

Mrs. Mary Bittick	Cabool, Mo. Star Rt.
Mrs. Gillie Reeves	Cabool, Mo.
Mrs. Florence Leighty	Huggins, Mo.
Mrs. Viola Draper	Hartville, Mo.
Mrs. June Freeman	Manes, Mo.
Mrs. Emma Peterson	Mansfield, Mo.
Mrs. Dorothy Milsap	Mansfield, Mo.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Address & Church Which They Are A Member Of

Names and Address	Church
C. D. Finley — Hartville, Mo.	Hartville
Harold Helsley — Mansfield, Mo.	Hartville
Marion Allsman — Hartville, Mo.	Hartville
O. T. Dixon — Mtn. Grove, Box 464	Mtn. Grove
Homer Smith — Mtn. Grove, Rt. 3	Mtn. Grove
Leonard Keys — Norwood, Mo.	Mtn. Grove
George Scott, Sr. — Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Grove
E. J. Wilson — Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Grove
H. G. Barr — Cabool, Mo., Rt. 1	Mt. Pisgah
Floyd Roberts — Elk Creek, Mo.	Mt. Pisgah
George Taylor — Cabool, Mo.	Mt. Pisgah
A. A. Brook — Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Valley
Virgil Mathis — Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Valley
Benney Watson — Springfield, Mo.	Lead Hill
Don McCoy — Lynchburg, Mo.	Dutch Chapel
Mary Wester — Marshfield, Mo.	Liberty
O. L. Claxton — Seymour, Mo.	Liberty
Clella Duckworth — Seymour, Mo.	Lone Star
Hershel Freeman — Manes, Mo.	New Rock Springs

Fred Wynn — Mtn. Grove
 Ernest Light — Cabool, Mo.
 Jeff Postlewaite — Mtn. Grove, Mo., Rt. 5
 Carl Postlewaite — Mtn. Grove, Mo., Rt. 5
 Emmitt Hutsell — Huggins, Mo.
 Lee Maxwell — Bendavis, Mo.
 Ezra Butts — Cabool, Mo.
 Willie Atherton — Huggins, Mo.
 Edd Bruce — Manes, Mo.
 Lester Lawler — Hartville, Mo., Rt. 5
 Grover Cravens — Nevada, Mo.
 Guy Hutsell — Mtn. Grove, Mo.
 Clifford Klingensmith — Graff, Mo.
 A. A. Hogue — Cabool, Mo.
 Otho Means — Cabool, Mo.
 Leonard Means — Cabool, Mo.
 Jackie Means — Cabool, Mo.

New Rock Springs
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 Number One
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 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Grove
 Union Chapel
 Union Chapel
 Faith & Hope
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DEACONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Fairview Church

Edd Burris
 Joe Smith
 Clarence Keeton
 Cecil Buchanan
 T. F. England

Ava, Mo., Rt. 5
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 Ava, Mo., Rt. 5
 Ava, Mo.

Faith and Hope Church

J. H. Wagner
 Austa Reeves
 Luther Cooper

Cabool, Mo.
 Cabool, Mo.
 Cabool, Mo.

Dutch Chapel Church

Frank Spencer

Lynchburg, Mo.

Happy Ridge Church

Charley Skinner
 Clifford Moles
 Marshal Simons

Norwood, Mo.
 Norwood, Mo.
 Norwood, Mo.

Hartville Church

Macy Gregory
 W. T. Wynn
 John Adamsen
 Will Long

Hartville, Mo.
 Hartville, Mo.
 Marshfield, Mo.
 Hartville, Mo.

Lead Hill Church

Mose Ipock
 Marve Gass
 Ray Shimel
 Judd Carder

Mansfield, Mo.
 Mansfield, Mo.
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 Mansfield, Mo.

Liberty Church

Luther McCaully	Seymour, Mo.
Ernest Cantrell	Seymour, Mo.
Will Wester	Marshfield, Mo.
Albert Carpenter	Butler, Mo.

Lone Star Church

Scott Kastuke	Seymour, Mo.
Philip Hosiner	Seymour, Mo.
John Cameron	Seymour, Mo.
Walter Duckworth	Seymour, Mo.

Mtn. Grove Church

Ray Hutsell	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Charley Franklin	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Elzie Edwards	Rt. 3, Mtn. Grove, Mo.
W. K. Elliott	Rt. 5, Box 10, Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Ed Shannon	West 2nd St., Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Elmer Ellington	125 Lake St., Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Riley Hutsell	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Fred Shannon	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
W. F. Penner	Rt. 5, Box 10, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Mt. Pisgah Church

James Odom	Cabool, Mo., Rt. 1
Luther Curry	Cabool, Mo.
Floyd Walls	Cabool, Mo.

Mtn. Valley Church

Roy Sanders	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Raymond Smith	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Bill Robinson	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Clark Deeds	Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Mt. Zion Church

John Grimes	Hartville, Mo.
Oscar Yeager	Hartville, Mo.
Troy McCleary	Hartville, Mo.

New Home Church

Claud Lawler
Woodrow Lawler
R. E. Kincheloe
Vencie Long
Burrell Austin

New Prospect Church

Jack Chamberlain	Rt. 5, Ava, Mo.
Mack Thurman	Rt. 5, Ava, Mo.
Otto McCoy	Rt. 5, Ava, Mo.

New Rock Springs Church

Noble Wyrick	Graff, Mo.
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Emmitt Freeman
Edgar Pembrook

Rt. 2, Cabool, Mo.
Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Number One Church

Ernest Maxwell
John Baker
Oscar Leighty

Huggins, Mo.
Huggins, Mo.
Huggins, Mo.

Pleasant Grove Church

Alfred Curtis

Hartville, Mo.

Pleasant Home No. 1

Noel Elliott

Vanzant, Mo.

Rock Chapel Church

Wess Housley
J. W. Coffman
Marion Long
Don Smith
Don Raney

Norwood, Mo.
Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Norwood, Mo.
Hartville, Mo.
Norwood, Mo.

Union Chapel Church

Hobart Crewse
Levi James
Walter Klingensmith
Ray Hutsell

Graff, Mo.
Graff, Mo.
Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Graff, Mo.

Union Church

Harold Price
Roy K. Huff

Success, Mo.
Success, Mo.

Union Grove Church

Harry Vierkant
Wm. F. Kempt

Norwood, Mo.
Norwood, Mo.

Wolf Creek Church

Ernie Milsap
Otis Helsley
Chester Bennett

Rt. 1, Mansfield, Mo.
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CLERKS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Name and Address

Mable Smith — Ava, Mo., Rt. 5
Ivy McCoy — Lynchburg, Mo.
Gillie Reeves — Cabool, Mo., Rt. 3
Pansy Skinner — Norwood, Mo.
Mrs. Earn Williams — Hartville, Mo.
Emma Peterson — Mansfield, Mo.
Marjorie Gardner — Seymour, Mo.
Mary Alice Hosiner — Seymour, Mo.
Artha Hutsell — Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Lloyd Walls — Cabool, Mo.
Clobell Deeds — —Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Troy McCleary — Hartville, Mo.

Church

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Dutch Chapel
Faith & Hope
Happy Ridge
Hartville
Lead Hill
Liberty
Lone Star
Mtn. Grove
Mt. Pisgah
Mtn. Valley
Mt. Zion No. 2

Addie Long — Hartville, Mo.	New Home
Otto Coy — Ava, Mo., Rt. 5	New Prospect
June Freeman — Manes, Mo.	New Rock Springs
Florence Leighty — Huggins, Mo.	Number One
Amy Emmerson — Hartville, Mo. Rt. 1	Pleasant Grove
Viola Draper — Hartville, Mo.	Pleasant Hill
Mary Bittick — Cabool, Mo., Rt. 3	Pleasant Home No. 1
Delphia Young — Norwood, Mo.	Rock Chapel
Hazel Waggle — Graff, Mo.	Union Chapel
Nolan Neal — Success, Mo.	Union
Elizabeth Kempt — Norwood, Mo.	Union Grove
Dorothy Milsap — Mansfield, Mo.	Wolf Creek

ELECTED DELEGATES OF ASSOCIATION

Elva Lee Barnes	Dutch Chapel
Vivian McCoy	Dutch Chapel
Hester Lupton	Fairview No. 3
Norma Faye Wood	Fairview No. 3
Ernie Anderson	Fairview No. 3
Shirley Brook	Fairview No. 3
Harmon McCast	Faith & Hope
Hazel McCast	Faith & Hope
Iris Bumgarner	Happy Ridge
Dottie Caudle	Happy Ridge
Bill Eden	Hartville
Mary Sue Eden	Hartville
Ruby Lee Johns	Lead Hill
Mary Corder	Lead Hill
Orva Guthrey	Lead Hill
James Cameron	Lead Hill
Reva Cameron	Lead Hill
Louie Dixon	Liberty
Lucy Carpenter	Liberty
Agnes De Armond	Lone Star
Chester De Armond	Lone Star
Mattie Farra	Mtn. Grove
Omer Wade	Mtn. Grove
Homer Farra	Mtn. Grove
Dora Riley	Mtn. Grove
Barbara Walls	Mt. Pisgah
Carolyn Walls	Mt. Pisgah
Geneva Sanders	Mtn. Valley
Alice Sanders	Mtn. Valley
Robert Kelsey	Mt. Zion No. 2
Judy Kelsey	Mt. Zion No. 2
Anna Bell McCleary	Mt. Zion No. 2

Lucy Keith	New Home
Ruby Floyd	New Home
Mack Thurman	New Prospect
Mrs. Mack Thurman	New Prospect
Alice Mae Robertson	New Rock Springs
Dean Wyrick	New Rock Springs
Cleta Butts	Number One
Pearl Reed	Number One
Floyd Curtis	Pleasant Grove
Lavelle Curtis	Pleasant Grove
Grace Royster	Pleasant Grove
Jess Curtis	Pleasant Grove
Otta Draper	Pleasant Hill
Otis Hickman	Pleasant Hill
Fern Doods	Pleasant Home No. 1
Hardin Doods	Pleasant Home No. 1
Ben Grimes	Rock Chapel
Mrs. Ben Grimes	Rock Chapel
Bennie Jemes	Union Chapel
Jimmie Waggle	Union Chapel
Glen Kiser	Union
Billy Price	Union
Exie Ussery	Union Grove
Katie Chadwell	Union Grove
Fern Bass	Wolf Creek
Geneva Bass	Wolf Creek

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

\$ 50.00 Received from Mission Quarterly Meeting.
 10.00 Received from Harmony Quarterly Meeting.
 110.80 from churches.
 52.08 from churches in response to a request in behalf of
 State Association.
 3.95 left in treasury from 1957.
 \$226.83 total amount received.

EXPENDITURES

\$50.00 to State Association.
 20.00 sent later, to State Association.
 20.00 to Clerk.
 1.00 postage and cards.
 \$91.00 total.
 \$135.83 in treasury.

1957 RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the Executive Board of Mission Association
 set up a standard for examining men for license and ordination,
 based upon the Fundamentals of Scripture and the belief and

practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination, adhering strictly to the requirements laid down in the treatise. The examining council shall be composed of 5 members of which at least 3 shall be ordained ministers, appointed by the Moderator and said examination by examining council be done in private.

Resolved that this Association provide treatise and each one granted a license shall be presented a treatise by Quarterly Meeting or Association and request to study same.

MINISTERS REPORT

	Sermons	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions to Church	Churches Organized	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
M. F. Allsman	58	2	1					1	2,127	\$ 377.12
Ezra Butts	101	1	1	4	4	11		1		\$1,217.01
O. L. Claxton	15		1					1	240	
O. T. Dixon	180	1	7	140	33	71	1	15	23,000	\$5,200.00
C. D. Finley	60	2	2	3	1	7		8	1,500	\$ 350.00
Clella Duckworth	28		4	45					842	\$ 22.00
H. J. Freeman	59	1	1							\$ 331.21
A. M. Halford	301	3		6	11	15		20	3,400	\$2,160.00
A. A. Hogue	136	1	4						4,728	\$1,440.08
Lester Lawler	55	1						5	3,206	\$ 615.63
Carl Postlewaite	143	2	6	21	3	3		2	15,000	\$ 995.53
John W. Silvey	14							2		\$ 25.00
H. B. Smith	110	1	4	6	1	1		13		\$ 954.00
Mary Wester	12			1				1		
Fred Wynn	145	1	5	9	5	5			4,875	\$1,617.92

STATISTICAL REPORT	Dutch Chapel	Fairview No. 3	Faith & Hope	Happy Ridge	Hartville	Lead Hill	Liberty	Lone Star
Resident Members	25	28	39		66	27	34	
Non-Resident Members	14	7	35		16	13	38	
Total Membership	39	35	38		82	40	72	43
Members Received		1	77	35	3		3	2
Number Baptized			7		1		8	1
Number Dismissed by Letter	1	4	5		3			1
Number Deceased			4			1		
Prayer Meetings	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	
Leagues			Yes				Yes	
League Membership			Yes				20	
Sunday Schools	Yes	Yes	40		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Attendance	32	45	Yes	Yes	40	39	42	49
Officers & Teachers	3	7	8		7	5	42	12
No. of Ordained Ministers	1		4		3	1	2	1
No. of Licensed Ministers								
No. of Ordained Deacons	1	5	3	3	4	4	4	4
Amount Paid Pastors	\$331.28		\$780.00		\$480.00	\$94.10	\$470.00	\$475.00
Amount of Evangelistic Work	\$40.32				\$121.56	\$85.95	\$114.00	\$100.00
Auxiliary Membership							12	
Amount for Bldg. & Repair			\$320.00				\$842.37	
Amount for Incidentals			\$61.80				\$49.12	
Value of Church Property			\$6,300.00				\$5,000.00	
Amount for Foreign Missions	\$117.42							
Amount for Education								
Amount for Publications	\$63.97		\$115.00		\$12.00	\$45.00		
Co-operative Fund	\$20.47		\$24.00					
Amount for Minutes	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$5.00
Amount for Home Missions			\$142.00				\$9.42	
Youth Camp							\$70.56	\$25.00
Utilities								

	Grove	Pisgah	No. 2	Home	Prospect	Rock Spgs.	One	Grove
Resident Members	318	50	43			32	61	30
Non-Resident Members	51	36	11			30	30	12
Total Membership	369	86	54		22	62	91	50
Members Received	71	11	1		3	7	3	
Number Baptized	38	4	1			4	3	
Number Dismissed by Letter	6	3					7	
Number Deceased	2		1		1			
Prayer Meetings	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Leagues	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	
League Membership	175	45					45	
Sunday Schools	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Attendance	245	60	20			39	55	27
Officers & Teachers		10	6			7	6	5
No. of Ordained Ministers	5	3				3	7	2
No. of Licensed Ministers	5							
No. of Ordained Deacons	8	3	3			3	3	1
Amount Paid Pastors	\$5,200.00	\$1,127.01	\$125.00	\$348.00		\$1,300.00	\$365.00	\$302.50
Amount of Evangelistic Work		\$95.00	\$24.00	\$200.00		\$144.55	\$165.00	\$68.50
Auxiliary Membership	37							
Amount for Bldg. & Repair	\$3,657.00	\$324.97				\$285.00	\$25.00	
Amount for Incidentals		\$218.03		\$25.00		\$298.00	\$44.00	\$30.00
Value of Church Property	\$55,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00
Amount for Foreign Missions		\$93.88						
Amount for Education	\$470.57							
Amount for Publications	\$526.29	\$130.00		\$80.00			\$39.64	\$25.00
Co-operative Fund	\$1,309.33	\$47.00					\$19.96	
Amount for Minutes	\$20.00	\$5.00	2.00	\$4.00		\$10.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
Amount for Home Missions		\$102.80				\$10.00	\$15.00	
Youth Camp								
Utilities	\$1,091.35							

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hm. No. 1	Union Chapel	Union Church	Union Grove	Wolf Creek
Resident Members	49	22	14	37	17	58
Non-Resident Members	59	17	13	18	3	4
Total Membership	108	39	27	55	20	62
Members Received						1
Number Baptized						2
Number Dismissed by Letter	5	2	4			
Number Deceased	1	1			1	
Prayer Meetings				Yes		
Leagues				Yes		
League Membership				40		
Sunday Schools		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Attendance		40	25	45	42	
Officers & Teachers		14	3	6	4	
No. of Ordained Ministers			2			
No. of Licensed Ministers						
No. of Ordained Deacons	3	1	4	2	1	3
Amount Paid Pastors	\$348.40				\$331.25	
Amount of Evangelistic Work		\$238.95	\$96.27			\$1,350.00
Auxiliary Membership						
Amount for Bldg. & Repair			\$300.00		\$612.25	
Amount for Incidentals	\$24.00	\$22.00	\$74.00		\$36.00	\$81.98
Value of Church Property	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$5,000.00
Amount for Foreign Missions						
Amount for Education						
Amount for Publications		\$91.34	\$25.00		\$76.00	
Co-operative Fund		\$23.53				
Amount for Minutes	\$3.80	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$7.00
Amount for Home Missions	\$15.00			\$18.00		
Youth Camp						
Utilities						

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From experience, we the Free Will Baptist Churches, in order to form a more perfect union and that we may affiliate ourselves with other Free Will Baptist bodies, have come together and organized into an Association.

1. This association shall be called Mission Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated Quarterly Meetings and Churches as many as may embody themselves under this constitution.

2. It shall be the purpose of this organization to co-operate with the Missouri State and National Associations in their efforts to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, and Ladies Auxiliary, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.

3. The acting members of this association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members while in conference, together with all ministers, minister's wives, deacons, deacon's wives and church and associational clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the clerk of the Quarterly meeting.

4. The officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, (who shall superintend the printing of the minutes) each of whom shall be elected at the closing of each regular session and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. The Clerk shall receive Twenty (\$20.00) for his or her services.

5. An Executive Board composed of five members, consisting of three ministers and two deacons, whose duty shall be to transact the business of this association when this Body is not in session, whose term of office shall be as follows: one for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years, and one for 5 years and at the expiration of each of these terms one shall be elected for a term of 5 years, who shall hold office until his successor is elected, further: if any vacancies occur between sessions of this Association the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next session of this Association.

6. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church or Quarterly Meeting, maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine, in favor of benevolent enterprises, such as Sunday Schools, Missions, Temperance and Education, may be received into this association by presenting a petition asking to be received, and by a majority vote of this Association.

7. This Association shall have power to discipline its churches, exclude them for disorderly conduct, if labor proves unsuccessful,

ordain deacons, to license or ordain ministers, such as given evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which members belong; to settle questions of discipline and doctrine as the Churches or Quarterly Meetings may refer to it; to make any rules and by-laws necessary to its regulations and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of one of its churches or Quarterly Meetings, nor in anyway interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical authority over the Churches or Quarterly Meetings composing the Association.

8. Each session of this Association shall convene annually beginning on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. before the 2nd Sunday in August and adjourn at 4:00 P.M. on Friday, and shall be held with only such churches as call for it by vote of the church while in conference, and this shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

9. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the Association in session, and in their absence the chairman of the Executive Board shall take charge, and in his absence any member of the Executive Board shall take charge until a Moderator is elected.

10. This Constitution may be amended or changed at any regular session of this body, by a two-thirds vote, after notice of contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to time the vote was taken.

BY-LAWS

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Seven members from three or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. Any ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a majority vote of the members present.

4. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other-religious bodies.

5. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into committee as a whole.

6. Any member of this body may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association and by a majority vote therein, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

8. No member of this Association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.

9. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

10. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any members but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of this body.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a vote.

12. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a majority vote of this body.

13. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except the Constitution and By-Laws, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

14. Churches of the Mission Association shall not call a pastor who does not have a yearly certificate.

15. Each ordained minister in good standing shall be given a yearly certificate. Each licensed minister, upon receiving a call for pastoral work or the administering of the Gospel ordinances shall upon request from the church of which he is a member, be examined for ordination.

16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good; whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God Manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

5. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering; death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith and souls is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the waters of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offering in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel. Matt. 23-23 and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2.)

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments, and amusements, for rest, worship; holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in his solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, the evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And, may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

